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Caltrans to Host Public Information Workshops on Changes to California Transportation Plan (CTP) 2025

What? The state's long-range transportation plan, the California Transportation Plan (CTP) 2025, is being updated to comply with the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). SAFETEA-LU is the new federal transportation law that provides funding for surface transportation programs through 2009.

Why? The long-range statewide transportation plan must comply with the new SAFETEA-LU planning provisions. Most of these provisions simply extend or broaden existing State policies and strategies as articulated in the CTP 2025. The new requirements include expansion of consultation to resource agencies, discussion of potential environmental mitigation, separation of safety and security as separate planning factors, inclusion of transportation system operation and management strategies, and representation of tribal, bicycle, pedestrian, and disabled interests in the planning process.

How? The CTP's vision is one of a fully integrated, multimodal, sustainable transportation system that supports the three outcomes (3Es) that define quality of life – prosperous economy, quality environment, and social equity. Building on this vision and the CTP's policy framework, an addendum will be developed expanding and refining the plan's policies and strategies to comply with SAFETEA-LU. This addendum will be developed with the assistance of a policy advisory committee (PAC) composed of both public and private stakeholders. At the same time, the CTP's trends and demographic data will be updated to extend the plan's horizon to 2030, providing the minimum 20-year horizon required by Federal regulation.

When? The development of this update will include opportunities for stakeholder involvement addressing the new expanded consultation requirements with Metropolitan Planning Organizations, Regional Transportation Planning Agencies, and tribal governments, and three public workshops in the spring of 2007 (see timeline and location of public workshops on





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reverse). The final draft of this addendum is scheduled for approval by the Secretary of the California Business, Transportation and Housing Agency in October 2007.

What's Next? This update to the CTP will be followed by the development of a new public engagement plan that meets the requirements of SAFETEA-LU and by a full plan update beginning in 2008.

Products: California Transportation Plan 2030 SAFETEA-LU Addendum and a website, providing links to plans, data and GIS resources, to facilitate consultation and comparison with resource agencies during the transportation planning process.

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Help us set the vision for the transportation future by joining us at one of three Public Information Workshops:

DIAMOND BAR - APRIL 10th

1:30 p.m. at the South Coast Air Quality Management District's Auditorium, 21865 Copley Drive in Diamond Bar

OAKLAND - APRIL 12th

9:30 a.m. at the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's MetroCenter Auditorium, 101 Eighth Street in Oakland

REDDING - APRIL 18th

**1:30 p.m. at the McConnell Foundation at Lema Ranch
800 Shasta View Drive in Redding**

To obtain additional information about the workshops or the California Transportation Plan, including viewing the draft Addendum, please visit our website at:
<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/offices/osp/ctp.htm>.

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